

CITY OF DELTA, UTAH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 2006

PRESENT

Gayle Bunker  
Robert Banks  
Kiley Chase  
Bruce Curtis  
Glen Swalberg  
Betty Jo Western

Mayor  
Council Member  
Council Member  
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ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Richard Waddingham  
Alan Riding  
Ken Clark  
Gregory Jay Schafer

City Attorney  
Public Works Director  
Asst. Public Works Director  
City Recorder

Mayor Bunker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated that notice of the meeting time, place and agenda had been provided to the Millard County Chronicle/Progress and to each member of the City Council at least two days prior to the meeting. City Recorder Gregory Schafer acted as secretary.

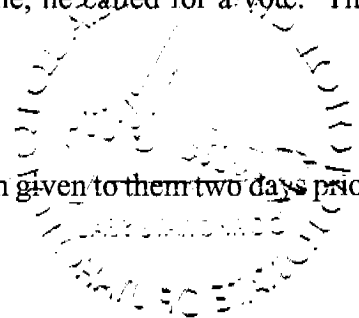
Council Member Robert Banks offered opening remarks following which Mayor Bunker led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a Regular City Council Meeting held October 19, 2006 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review, Council Member Kiley Chase MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held October 19, 2006, as presented. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Glen Swalberg. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council reviewed the accounts payable, a copy of which had been given to them two days prior



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to the meeting. Following review, Council Member Glen Swalberg MOVED to approve the accounts payable dated November 2, 2006, in the amount of \$93,202.23. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Betty Jo Western. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of unfinished business on the agenda.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: PROPOSED PURCHASE OF LAPEL PINS AND MAIN STREET BANNERS RECOGNIZING DELTA CITY'S CENTENNIAL YEAR

Mayor Bunker noted that Council Members had discussed purchase of lapel pins at the previous meeting and asked if they had any ideas regarding purchase of Main Street banners recognizing Delta's centennial year. Council Members agreed that banners should be purchased and discussed possible designs. Public Works Director Alan Riding suggested that additional Delta City flags be purchased inasmuch as the flags from the initial purchase are nearly gone. Council Members agreed that a new supply of flags should be purchased. Council Member Western will contact Craig Hansen, art instructor at Delta High School, to request that he draw two or three suggestions for banner designs. This item will be on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

#### MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: ORDINANCE NO. 06-231 ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 6-400 ENTITLED "TRANSIENT ROOM TAX" AND SETTING THE RATE FOR SUCH TAX AND ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE TAX

#### ORDINANCE NO. 06-231

#### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DELTA, UTAH ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 6-400, ENTITLED "TRANSIENT ROOM TAX"; SETTING THE RATE FOR SUCH TAX; AND ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE TAX

Mayor Bunker stated that this ordinance will set a local tax rate of 1% on motel rooms, which would amount to sixty cents on a \$60 room rate. The tax will be effective beginning April 1, 2007 and will be used to offset maintenance and operation of the new museum/civic center facility.

Following discussion, Council Member Glen Swalberg MOVED to adopt Ordinance 06-231 adopting a new Section 6-400 entitled "Transient Room Tax"; setting the rate for such tax and establishing the effective date of the tax. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Robert Banks. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

Robert Banks	Yes
Kiley Chase	Yes
Bruce Curtis	Yes
Glen Swalberg	Yes
Betty Jo Western	Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: PROPOSED LETTER TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
REGARDING QUESTAR GAS REQUEST FOR REDUCED TARIFF

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that he had received a request from Questar Gas to write a letter to the Public Service Commission in support of their application for reduction in the tariff charged for natural gas. This tariff is imposed when a pipeline is constructed and, when the cost of construction is paid, the tariff is reduced. Inasmuch as it takes much longer to recoup the construction costs in rural Utah than in the urban areas, Questar would like to make the cost of natural gas more equitable by spreading the construction costs to all customers rather than just those affected by new construction. The proposed letter is written to show our support of the request by Questar Gas. The reduced tariff will result in lower natural gas prices to Questar Gas customers in the Delta area.

Following discussion, Council Member Robert Banks MOVED to authorize Mayor Bunker to sign and send a letter to the Utah Public Service Commission on behalf of Delta City in support of the request by Questar Gas for a reduced tariff. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Betty Jo Western. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: PARAMETERS RESOLUTION FOR ISSUANCE OF NON-VOTED  
WATER REVENUE BOND

Mayor Bunker told Council Members that there have been some problems obtaining the parameters resolution for approval at this meeting. The proposed resolution is recommended for the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board loan for improvements to our water system. The resolution states that, in the event of increased costs for construction, we will not increase the amount of the loan over \$3.5 million so as to insure that funds are available to repay the loan. The resolution also includes terms that the interest rate will not exceed three percent (3%). The bond attorney is recommending that this resolution be passed as a part of the bonding process. City Attorney Waddingham requested that the language regarding the interest rate not exceeding three percent (3%) be removed inasmuch as it has been agreed that the loan will be interest free.

Following discussion, Council Member Betty Jo Western MOVED to table further discussion of the parameters resolution for issuance of non-voted water revenue bond until the next meeting of the City Council in order to allow sufficient time for the language change to be incorporated. The

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motion was SECONDED by Council Member Robert Banks. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ALAN RIDING: UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Public Works Director Alan Riding reported that the major portion of asphalt patching on Main Street has been completed following installation of the new eight inch water line. There were some problems with the saddles which were provided to fuse onto the new water line and the technician was unable to come to Delta until today to solve the problems. The problems have been solved and the final saddles are now being installed. The next step will be flushing the line, after which the services will be changed over and repairs on Main Street will be completed. It is expected that the project will be completed tomorrow.

Work has already begun on getting Christmas decorations ready. The main wiring harness has been hooked up in the park. As soon as the water project is completed, everyone will be working on putting up decorations so they can be ready to turn on by Thanksgiving.

Public Works Director Riding and Mayor Bunker discussed the gentleman who had come to Delta today to help determine a location for a new water well near the airport. They discussed his ability to find water using the "water witch" technique and the experience of observing the process.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bunker introduced Commissioner Dennis Stowell, of Iron County, who is running for Utah State Senate in District 28. Mr. Stowell requested an opportunity to visit with Council Members to discuss what problems and concerns affect the Delta area and the vision for development of the community. Mr. Stowell asked what type of development the Delta area needs, whether it be manufacturing, agricultural, or some other type of development. Mr. Stowell would like to convince the state legislature to assist cities in developing industrial park areas so that facilities will be in place for any development which may desire to locate in the area. Council Members discussed the need for jobs providing adequate income to support young families with small children. Mr. Stowell will begin working to gain state involvement in economic development for rural Utah and will keep Mayor Bunker informed of any progress. Mr. Stowell presented the Mayor and Council Members with a United States flag from Senator Orrin Hatch. The flag was flown over the U.S. Capitol on June 29, 2006 in honor of service to the American people by the 222<sup>nd</sup> National Guard Unit which included several servicemen from the Delta area. Mayor Bunker and Council Members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Stowell for the flag and for his interest in concerns of the Delta area.

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Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that he had met with Millard County Commissioners last

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week to discuss the law enforcement contract. Commission members indicated that the cost of twenty-four hour coverage for Delta City is \$332,000 per year. Mayor Bunker pointed out that there are two deputies on duty twenty-four hours per day on the west side of Millard County. One of those deputies covers Delta City while the other covers the balance of the Delta area. Mayor Bunker's calculations indicate that, with 4500 people in the Delta area, being served by one deputy sheriff costs \$73.78 cents per person. Mayor Bunker feels that Delta City should have some credit for the services offered by that deputy sheriff because Delta City residents pay county taxes the same as any county resident. Commissioners do not accept that argument but are beginning to recognize some disparity between city residents paying county taxes and paying for law enforcement coverage a second time through city taxes. However, they are not willing to give full credit for the amount of county taxes paid toward law enforcement. Mayor Bunker indicated that the cost of law enforcement coverage for Delta City last year was \$182,000, which includes amounts paid to Millard County, Carol Malone's salary for one-half day and use of the satellite Sheriff's office in the Delta City building. Commissioner Walker asked the Mayor if Delta City would be willing to pay an additional \$3,000 per quarter for the law enforcement contract, for a total of \$194,000 per year for the next year, which represents approximately sixty percent of the \$332,000 cost quoted by Millard County, which Mayor Bunker feels is fair. He asked for input from Council Members to make certain they were in agreement with the stand he is taking on the law enforcement contract. Council Members concurred with Mayor Bunker's stand on the law enforcement contract.

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Mayor Bunker reported that the Headstone Hauntings held last weekend at the cemetery went very well. It was well received and everyone enjoyed the information presented. The event included a hay ride through the cemetery which stopped at several gravesites where individuals were dressed as and portrayed individuals who had contributed to the early years of the Delta area. The individuals talked about the people they were portraying and gave a short history or story about those people. Mayor Bunker would like to see another activity like this sometime during our centennial year with additional individuals from Delta's early history being portrayed.

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Mayor Bunker noted that Council Members had received a copy of a letter from the Bureau of Land Management requesting that a member of the Council attend a training session being held this weekend and another weekend early in December. Mayor Bunker asked if any Council Members were interested in attending the training. There were no Council Members available to attend the training.

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Mayor Bunker mentioned that employees at Wells Fargo Bank have agreed to be responsible for the light parade this year. He also reported that Bonnie Shamo is attempting to have a Centennial Celebration Committee meeting sometime next week.

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Mayor Bunker reported receiving a check in the amount of \$5,000 from Utah Fast Pass. The check is a donation to be used for a community improvement which will benefit the majority of the citizenry and must be something which will help to galvanize the community together. Mayor Bunker suggested that the funds be set aside to be used in the civic center project. Council Members agreed to utilize the funds for the civic center project.

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City Recorder Gregory Schafer stated that the annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the M.E. Bird Center. Gene and Penny Stanworth have been selected to cater the meal, which will consist of Dutch Oven Chicken and Grilled Turkey, Sour Cream Potatoes, Green Salad with Ranch Dressing, Penny's Special Salad, Ice Cream Brownies with Fudge Sauce and Celestial Punch. There will be appetizers beginning at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. Holiday hams have also been ordered for employees.

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City Recorder Gregory Schafer reported that we are almost ready to begin enforcing our solicitor ordinance. We need to obtain software to create the badges and post signs along highways entering town giving notice that solicitors are required to obtain a license.

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Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments, questions or other items to be discussed. There being none, Council Member Betty Jo Western MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Robert Banks. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bunker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

  
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GAYLE BUNKER, Mayor

  
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GREGORY JAY SCHAFFER, City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: RCCM 12-07-06